

Child Safeguarding Statement - TUS Events & Sports Services

TUS Events & Sports Services, a subsidiary company of the Technological University of the Shannon, is a provider of sporting, leisure and recreational services to both adults and children.

The purpose of this Child Safeguarding Statement is to ensure that allegations of child abuse and neglect are reported in accordance with relevant legislation and to provide a clear framework for managing such reports to assist and support staff and to protect children

TUS Events & Sports Services will uphold the fundamental principle that the welfare of the child is the paramount concern in all matters involving children.

Any new activity involving children will be risk assessed by the organiser of the activity in question.

We have carried out an assessment of any potential for harm to a child while availing of our services. Below is a list of the areas of risk identified and the list of procedures for managing these risks.

	Risk identified	Procedure in place to manage identified risk
1	Employment of TUS Events & Sports Services Staff	All TUS Events & Sports Services staff must have completed appropriate Garda Vetting and be aware of the Child Safeguarding Statement and their obligations under same. In addition, the University complies with all of the agreed disciplinary procedures for staff.
2	Hosting and organising activities that may involve children	As noted above, all TUS Events & Sports Services staff must have completed appropriate Garda Vetting and be aware of the University's Child Safeguarding Statement and their obligations under same. The staff member responsible for organising the relevant activity shall conduct a risk assessment of the activity and provide reasonable supervision of the activity and all persons involved in the activity.
3	Providing work placement opportunities for secondary school children	As noted above, all TUS Events & Sports Services staff must have completed appropriate Garda Vetting and be aware of the University's Child Safeguarding Statement and their obligations under same. The staff member responsible for organising the relevant activity shall conduct a risk assessment of the activity and provide reasonable supervision of the activity and all persons involved in the activity.

Our Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children First Act 2015, *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017)*, and Tusla's *Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice*. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, the following procedures support our intention to safeguard children while they are availing of our service:

- Procedure for the management of allegations of abuse or misconduct against workers/volunteers of a child availing of our service;

- Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of workers and volunteers to work with children;
- Procedure for provision of and access to child safeguarding training and information, including the identification of the occurrence of harm;
- Procedure for the reporting of child protection or welfare concerns to Tusla;
- Procedure for maintaining a list of the persons (if any) in the relevant service who are mandated persons;
- Procedure for appointing a relevant person.

All procedures listed are available upon request.

We recognise that implementation is an on-going process. Our service is committed to the implementation of this Child Safeguarding Statement and the procedures that support our intention to keep children safe from harm while availing of our service.

The Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed in June 2024, or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which the statement refers.